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3 things you need to know

US GOVERNMENT POSTS $44 BILLION DEFICIT IN OCTOBER

1 The U.S. government posted a $44 billion budget deficit in October, the first month of the 2017 fiscal year, a 68 percent decrease from the same month last year, the Treasury Department said. This gap in October 2015 was $137 billion, according to Treasury's monthly budget statement. Analysts polled by Reuters had expected an $80 billion budget deficit for last month. When accounting for calendar adjustments, October would have shown an $84 billion deficit compared to an adjusted $88 billion deficit in the same month of 2015. Since 2009, when President Barack Obama assumed the presidency in the aftermath of the financial crisis, the deficit has fallen by two thirds. President-elect Donald Trump has promised to cut taxes and increase spending on infrastructure and the military, which would raise the deficit, economists say. REUTERS

JUDGE REJECTS TRUMP BID TO BAR CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS FROM FRAUD TRIAL

2 A U.S. judge on Thursday tentatively rejected a bid by Donald Trump to keep a wide range of statements from the presidential campaign out of an upcoming fraud trial over his Trump University venture. U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel in San Diego said Trump's lawyers can renew objections to specific campaign statements and evidence during trial. The tentative ruling came in advance of a pretrial hearing later on Thursday. The 2010 lawsuit, one of three over the defunct Trump University venture, was filed on behalf of students who say they were lured by false promises to pay up to $35,000 to learn Trump's real estate investing "secrets" from his "hand-picked" instructors. Trump owned 92 percent of Trump University and had control over all major decisions, the students' court papers say. REUTERS

MADAME TUSSAUDS LONDON WORKS ON NEW TRUMP WAX FIGURE

3 A new addition will soon be coming to Madame Tussauds, London's famed wax museum, which on Thursday showed some of the behind-the-scenes work on making a replica figure of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump. The museum had already created clay sculptures of the Republican Trump and his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, before Tuesday's election. It is now embarking on the full wax figure in time for Trump's Jan. 20 inauguration. On its Facebook page, Madame Tussauds on Thursday revealed the wax head for the Trump figure, with a hair inserter slowly starting work on the New York businessman's distinctive blonde hairstyle. REUTERS

Philly's sanctuary city status threatened under Trump administration

Mayor Jim Kenney says the city will protect citizens' Fourth Amendment rights.

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Philadelphia will remain a sanctuary city to the immigration community, Mayor Jim Kenney pledged Thursday.

The mayor was responding to a question about President-elect Donald Trump's promise to kill all federal funding to sanctuary cities, which decline to cooperate with federal immigration authorities by refusing to hold undocumented law violators in police custody unless they've committed a serious crime.

"First of all, we've changed the name from sanctuary city to the Fourth Amendment city," Kenney told Philly.com. "We respect and live up to the Fourth Amendment, which means you can't be held against your will without a warrant from the court signed by a judge. So yeah, we will continue to be a Fourth Amendment city abiding by the Constitution."

The mayor declined to speculate on the ramifications of losing federal funds if the city doesn't cooperate with federal immigration authorities.

"Well, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it and we'll see how it goes and we'll try to figure something out," he said.

In the 2017 fiscal year, Philadelphia is slated to receive $28 million in federal aid, according to city budget figures.

Immigrant advocacy groups argue that the sanctuary policy removes the fear of deportation that often stops an undocumented individual from contacting the police when they've been a victim of a crime. The policy actually improves immigrant-police relations, they maintain.

Philadelphia has had a sanctuary city status since 2014, but Mayor Michael Nutter ended the designation just before leaving office. Kenney reinstated the designation on his first day in office this year.

Trump and other opponents of the policy argue that it allows criminals who would normally be deported to walk the streets and commit other crimes.

Peaceful anti-Trump protests briefly block traffic in Philly's Center City

Day 2 of anti-Trump protests were peaceful in Philadelphia, according to reports, but demonstrators briefly blocked traffic to the Schuylkill Expressway as they made their way to 30th Street Station.

Starting at a candlelight vigil in Center City, demonstrators marched up JFK Boulevard, blocking traffic to the expressway from 30th Street, 6ABC reported.

The crowd dispersed shortly after reaching the 30th Street Station.

"Philly Women in Formation rally to 'GOP hands off me'" @randyduque tweeted. TWITTER/@RANDYDUQUE

"Donald Trump doesn't represent me or my community. I have two daughters, and it's really important that I set an example that I don't abide by misogyny or bigotry, and I want to stand together with other people and share that experience," Rachel Saks of West Philadelphia told 6ABC.

GOP Hands off Me organized an earlier vigil outside Philadelphia City Hall.

"We're actually just creating the space for people to come together and say, 'This isn't our America, this isn't what we thought it was,' " Emma Boorboor, of GOP Hands Off Me, told 6ABC. "We're gonna give ourselves the space to mourn essentially that this is what happened in America."

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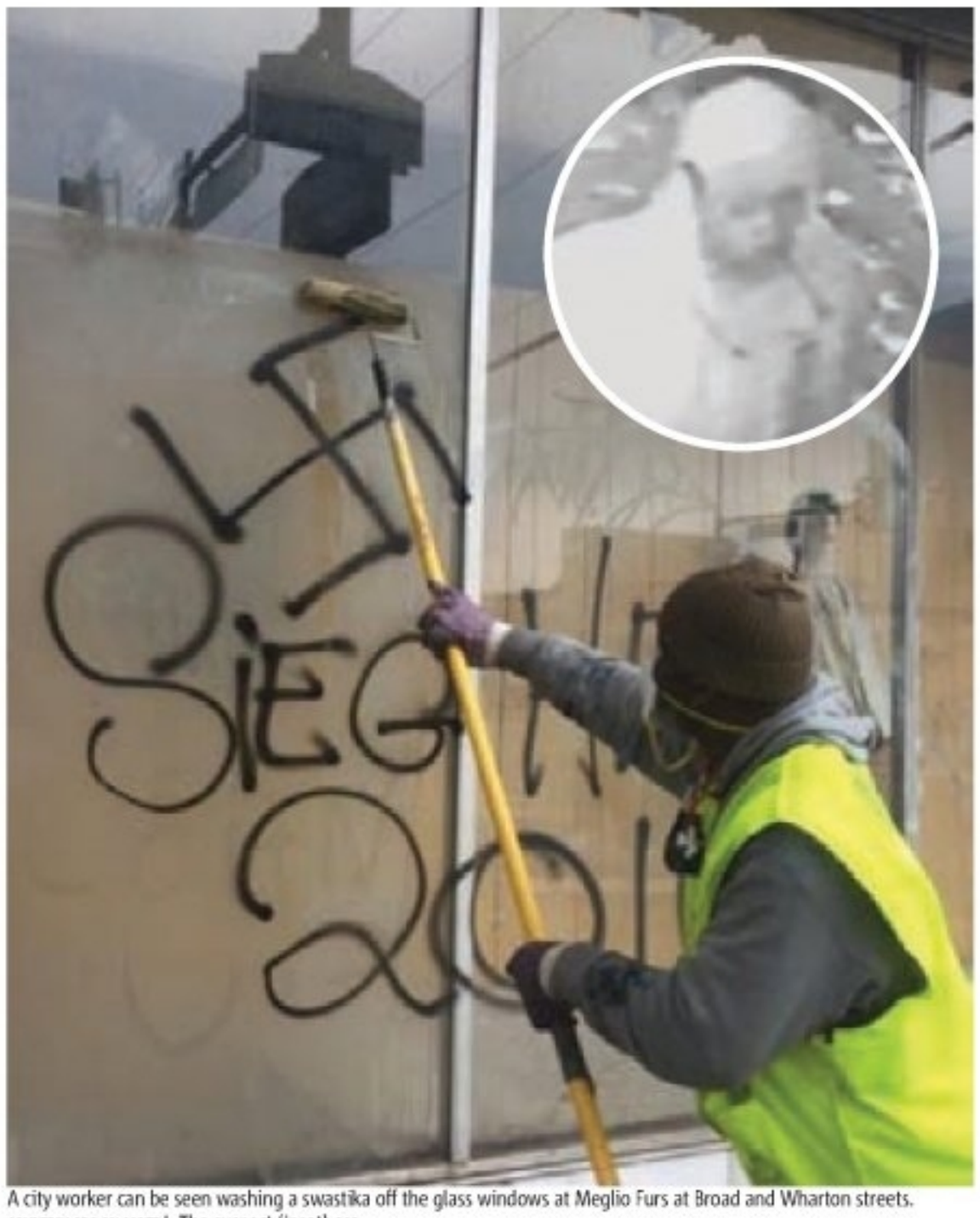

A city worker can be seen washing a swastika off the glass windows at Meglio Furs at Broad and Wharton streets. COURTESY OF DON SCOTT | The suspect (inset). PPD

See the man suspected of spray-painting 'Trump rules' in South Philly

Graffiti bearing swastikas also were spotted in South Philly.

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A day after South Philly residents found swastikas and messages about Donald Trump tagged on cars and buildings, police released images of one suspect caught on camera tagging "Trump Rules" on a car.

Surveillance cameras in South Philly caught the man walking southbound on South Sixth Street past Christian Street around 5 a.m. Wednesday, just hours after Trump won the presidential election.

He can be seen at some points clearly bending over a vehicle while tagging it with messages including "Trump Rules" and "Trump Rules Black Bitch."

"Several other vehicles and homes were also vandalized by the suspect, who then fled in an unknown direction," a police report stated.

Police said in an email that the investigation into the suspect is separate from the investigation into Trump graffiti with swastikas and other Nazi messages that was found Wednesday near Broad and Wharton streets in South Philly.

Those messages included the word "Trump" with a Nazi swastika instead of a T, swastikas over Trump's name and a swastika with the words of the Nazi salute "Sieg Heil 2016" written on the glass of the abandoned Meglio Furs shop at Broad and Wharton streets.

Police described the suspect as a male with a medium build, "wearing a baseball cap, light-colored jacket with a reflective strip on the shoulders, light colored pants, black gloves and white sneakers."

It remains unclear if these various acts of graffiti were intended to support or oppose Trump, or if it had any political significance at all.

But residents waking up to the Nazi graffiti said Wednesday they were deeply offended .

"This is a f—ing hate crime," Amy Schiowitz told Metro on Wednesday, adding that she expects City Hall to respond. "This is not the type of city we want to live in."

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Center City's historic Divine Lorraine Hotel turned on its large illuminated sign for the first time in 40 years on Wednesday night. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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'Divine Lorraine' shines again

After 40 years, a new bright spot on the Philly skyline.

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For the first time in 40 years, a crowd outside the former headquarters of Father Divine's church had seen the light.

The Divine Lorraine Hotel sign atop the brick building was lit up bright red on Wednesday night.

Real estate financier Billy Procida had pledge in May that it would happen.

"Do I s— you or not? Do I make money for you?" he jovially called at the time to a crowd of real estate agents, investors and market analysts during a tour of the graffiti-covered goliath on North Broad Street.

Procida promised investors the singular piece of Philly architecture would draw investor interest and tenants.

"Picture that neon sign lit up!" he told the tour back in May. "We don't even need advertising!"

Procida's vision has become reality.

It's one sign of several redevelopment projects that Procida is working on with developer and Philly native Eric Blumenfeld to "breathe new life into one of this city's most notorious eyesores," according to Procida Funding and Advisors.

Procida's organization provided a $34 million loan as part of a $75 million investment in North Broad, the organization said in an email. "In the last three, Procida has completed more than $100 million of loans in Philadelphia alone."

The Divine Lorraine at Broad and Ridge streets, built in 1892, is best known as the home of religious leader Father Divine's International Peace Mission movement, which bought the building in 1948 and occupied it for decades. It later became a hotel before being left vacant in the '90s.

In the vision of Procida and Blumenfeld, the Divine Lorraine will be the centerpiece of what they believe will be a reactivation of the entire neighborhood along North Broad. Once completed, the Divine Lorraine is set to include 109 residential units with 20,000 square feet of ground-floor retail.

"I never saw North Broad being about one project, but the entire corridor," Blumenfeld said in a past interview. "We had to prove that people would not just live on North Broad Street, but eat, shop and come to events here."

Other projects in the neighborhood include the eventual renovation of the historic Metropolitan Opera House at Broad and Poplar streets into a concert venue and the opening of condos in the former Thaddeus Stevens School at Broad and Spring Garden streets, now redubbed the Mural Arts Building.

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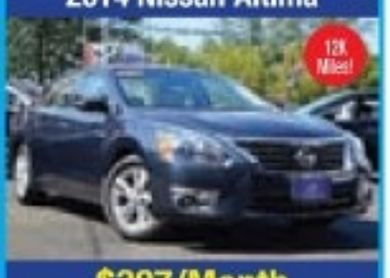

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Trump team contacted JPMorgan's Dimon for Treasury role

A senior person on President-elect Donald Trump's transition team contacted JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chief Executive Jamie Dimon to see if he would be interested in being U.S. Treasury secretary, a person familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

It is unclear how Dimon responded, said the person, who was not authorized to speak publicly. Dimon has said multiple times in the past that he is not interested in the job - most recently in September.

JPMorgan spokesman Andrew Gray declined to comment.

CNBC earlier reported that Trump's advisers had discussed the idea of Dimon, 60, becoming Treasury secretary.

Dimon is viewed as a leader on Wall Street and his name has been floated for government positions in the past. On Wednesday, he sent a memo to staff calling for unity in the aftermath of the contentious election.

Trump has been critical of Wall Street and the banking industry and once called Dimon "the worst banker in the United States." But Trump's close circle of advisers includes several hedge fund executives, investors and former bankers with whom the industry is now working to build close ties.

Lingering resentment against the financial industry following the 2007-2009 crisis has made Dimon's chances of being nominated for a federal government position less certain.

"I would love to be president of the United States of America," Dimon told the Economic Club of Washington in September.

"Until Donald Trump got to where he was, they said you'll never see a rich businessman who's never been in politics be president. I clearly was wrong about that." REUTERS

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2016 deadliest year on record for US transgender people, campaigners say

The number of transgender murder victims could be higher, GLAAD said, because police, media and families at times misreport the gender of victims.

Murders of transgender people hit an all-time high in the United States this year, campaigners said on Thursday, amid fears of a backlash against the transgender community following the election of Donald Trump as the next U.S. president.

GLAAD, an advocacy group that tracks transgender murders, said 24 transgender people were murdered, exceeding last year's tally of 22. Most of this year's victims were women of color, GLAAD said.

The announcement comes as transgender advocates worry of a reversal of their civil rights gains under the new government of President-elect Trump.

During his election campaign, Trump said he embraced the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

But his promise to nominate a conservative justice to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court has raised fears that an expansion of transgender rights under President Barack Obama is now under threat.

Kevin Nadal, executive director of the Center for LGBTQ Studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, said he feared there could "definitely be an increase in hate crimes against trans and queer people" under a Trump government.

"When candidates who demonstrate hate are elected, they give similarly-minded people the permission to act on that hate," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

In 2015, the New York-based National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, an advocacy group, classified as hate crimes all but four killings of transgender or gender non-conforming people in the United States.

The latest victim was Noony Norwood, a 30-year-old black transgender woman who was shot in Richmond, Virginia, earlier this week.

The killing follows a trend that has seen the death toll for transgender women of color climbing in recent years, said Nick Adams, a GLAAD spokesman.

The organization has been compiling its figures since 2013 by tracking homicide cases in the media and when notified by families of the victims and community members.

Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed for the first time to rule on transgender rights in a case in which a Virginia public school district is fighting to prevent a female-born transgender high school student from using the boys' bathroom. REUTERS

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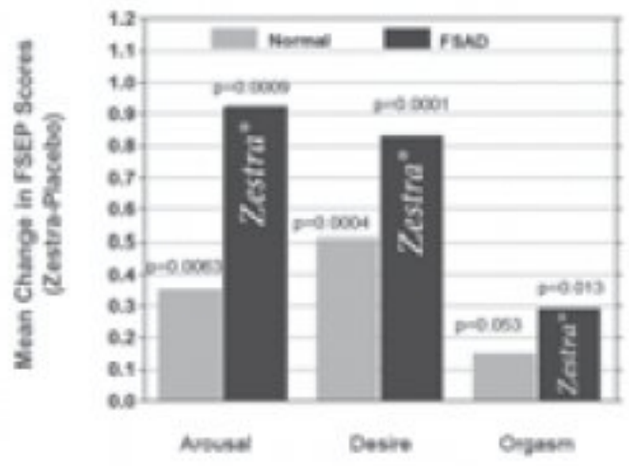

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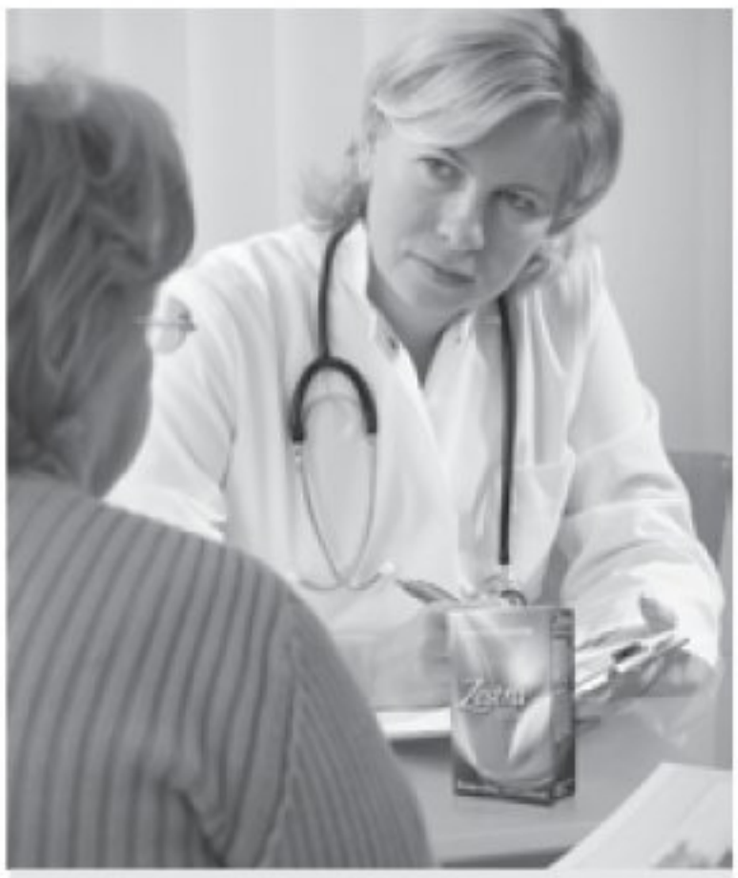

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Trump meets Obama at the White House

Two days after winning the electoral vote, the two discussed the challenges and joys of the job, despite Obama earlier calling Trump unfit and Trump calling his tenure a "distaster."

President Barack Obama and President-elect Donald Trump met on Thursday for the first time, setting aside the deep rancor that dominated the long campaign season to discuss the transition to the Republican's inauguration on Jan. 20.

Their 90-minute meeting in the White House Oval Office, with no aides present, took place just two days after Trump's stunning election defeat of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Obama, who vigorously campaigned for his fellow Democrat to succeed him, had repeatedly called Trump unfit for the president's office, while the businessman had often dubbed Obama's eight-year tenure a "disaster."

But in separate post-election remarks on Wednesday both men appeared to seek to help the country heal from a bitterly divisive campaign, and that tone continued into the White House meeting.

Seated next to Obama after their talks, Trump told reporters: "We really discussed a lot of situations, some wonderful, some difficulties." He said Obama explained "some of the really great things that have been achieved," but did not elaborate.

"It was a great honor being with you and I look forward to being with you many, many more times in the future," Trump said, with a tone of deference.

Trump, a real estate magnate who has never held political office, later met congressional leaders, including House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, a Republican who has had a strained relationship with the party's presidential candidate.

Amid those efforts to bury hatchets, there were scattered protests in a string of U.S. cities against Trump for a second day on Thursday. Security fences were erected around Trump's new hotel in Washington, just blocks from the White House, and around New York's Trump Tower as students protested his election.

Obama said he had offered assistance to Trump over the next couple of months, and urged the country to unite to face its challenges.

"We now are going to want to do everything we can to help you succeed because if you succeed, then the country succeeds," Obama said, adding he and Trump discussed a range of domestic and foreign policy issues and details related to the transition period.

"The meeting might have been at least a little less awkward than some might have expected," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters.

Obama and Trump's relaxed, cordial demeanor in front of the cameras was in stark contrast to the months of harsh rhetoric during the campaign.

Trump used Obama as a punching bag during his campaign speeches, repeatedly attacking the president's policies from health care to an Iran nuclear deal. Both Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attacked Trump as temperamentally unfit for the White House and dangerously unprepared to have access to U.S. nuclear codes.

Asked at a White House briefing on Thursday whether the meeting had eased any of the concerns about Trump that Obama expressed during the campaign, Earnest said, "The president was never in a position to choose a successor. The American people chose his successor." REUTERS

President Barack Obama shakes hands as he meets with President-elect Donald Trump. GETTY IMAGES

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How Hillary Clinton's white voters melted away

Hillary Clinton steps down a staircase after making concession speech following. GETTY IMAGES

The unraveling of the coalition that was supposed to carry Hillary Clinton to the White House had a lot to do with voters like Jim McAndrew in counties like Northampton, Pennsylvania.

McAndrew, 69, a retired steel worker, voted Democrat in every presidential election for half a century. This year, he stayed home. And Northampton County, a heavily white, heavily Democratic, largely working-class area that backed President Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012, went for Donald Trump, a Republican.

McAndrew, who voted for Obama in the two previous races, was intrigued by Trump, but decided eventually that "all he does is insult everybody ... women, black people, white people, rich, poor. He's an idiot." He considered Clinton, but was concerned by the scandal over her handling of classified material on a private email server as secretary of state.

"I hated both of them, so I just said, 'the hell with it,'" McAndrew said. His wife, also a life-long Democrat, went to the polls without him — and voted Republican.

Trump's ability to flip reliably Democratic counties like Northampton helped drive his victory in the presidential election this week. It was critical to his win in Pennsylvania and other Rust Belt states, a bulwark in the Democrats' electoral strategy for winning the White House, and it helped fuel his victories in critical swing states, such as Florida and North Carolina.

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It's not that Trump's economic populism and "America First" messages generated widespread enthusiasm; he won some of those counties with far fewer votes than Mitt Romney captured as the Republican nominee in 2012. Nationwide, Trump's 59.7 million votes are about 1.2 million behind the 60.9 million Romney got when he lost four years ago, based on initial projections.

But Clinton's troubles holding on to Democratic voters were far more stark. Some crossed party lines for Trump or backed an independent.

Many just stayed home.

Clinton won the popular vote with 59.9 million votes, 6 million fewer than the 65.9 million Obama won in 2012. And her weakness in traditionally Democratic areas helped cost her the electoral college that chooses the winner of the election.

Clinton came across as a status quo candidate unlikely to shake up the Washington establishment, says Mike Sly, 74, a retiree and independent voter in Pinellas County, Florida, who backed Obama in 2012 and voted for Trump this year. Clinton's message failed to convince him that she would address his concerns about the state of the economy and rising health insurance premiums under Obama's Affordable Care Act.

The race "came down to basically what change do I think is going to happen, and how I think it is going to happen," Sly says. "I felt that Hillary really carried too much baggage to be trusted."

Clinton's loss in Florida, a key battleground state, stemmed partly from her inability to hold voters like Sly in white, middle- and working-class areas that previously went Democrat. In vote-rich Pinellas, a beach community popular with retirees in the Tampa Bay region, Trump won 48 percent of the vote, besting Clinton's 47 percent. In 2012, Obama won 52 percent.

Nationally, initial projections show low voter turnout of just over 55 percent, the worst since the contested election of 2000, when Republican George W. Bush defeated then-Vice President Al Gore, a Democrat. In Obama's first victory, turnout was more than 62 percent.

Clinton beat Trump among black and Hispanic voters, but her effort to forge a winning coalition by leveraging that strength in diverse, urban areas was upended by Trump's strength among whites. Meanwhile, Trump still managed to hold roughly the same level of minority support that Romney got in 2012.

The pattern held true not only in rural areas, but also in many suburbs, particularly in the Rust Belt and the South, that tipped toward Obama in the previous two presidential races. REUTERS

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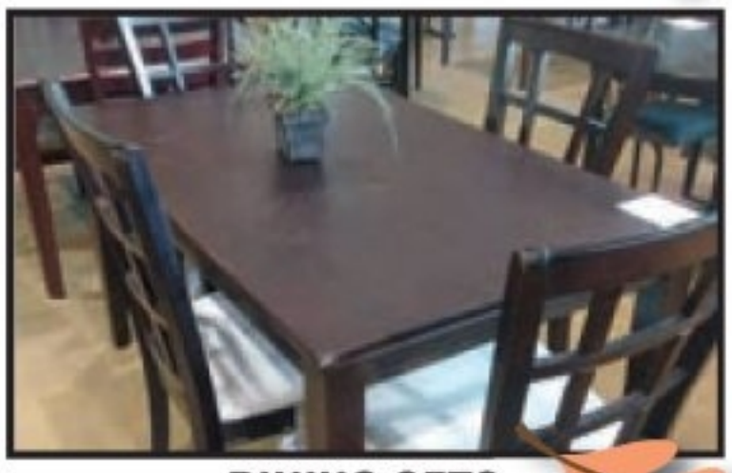

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Protesters take to streets for a second day to decry Trump election

A day after thousands of people took to the streets in at least 10 U.S. cities, fresh protests were held.

Police put up security fences around President-elect Donald Trump's new Washington hotel on Thursday and a line of concrete blocks shielded New York's Trump Tower as students around the country staged a second day of protests over his election.

A day after thousands of people took to the streets in at least 10 U.S. cities from Boston to Berkeley, California, chanting "not my president" and "no Trump," fresh protests were held in Texas and San Francisco.

A Trump campaign representative did not respond to requests for comment on the protests but Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor and a high-profile Trump supporter, called the demonstrators "a bunch of spoiled cry-babies."

"If you're looking at the real left-wing loonies on the campus, it's the professors not the students," Giuliani said on Fox News on Thursday. "Calm down, things are not as bad as you think."

The protesters blasted Trump for campaign rhetoric critical of immigrants, Muslims and allegations of sexual abuse of women. More than 20 people were arrested for blocking or attempting to block highways in Los Angeles and Richmond, Virginia, early Thursday morning.

White House spokesman Joshua Earnest said Obama supported the demonstrators' right to express themselves peacefully.

Demonstrators protest against President-elect Donald Trump in front of the White House. GETTY IMAGES

"We've got a carefully, constitutionally protected right to free speech," Earnest told reporters. "The president believes that that is a right that should be protected. It is a right that should be exercised without violence."

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> Joshua Earnest

In San Francisco, more than 1,000 students walked out of classes on Thursday morning and marched through the city's financial district carrying rainbow flags representing the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, Mexican flags and signs decrying the president-elect.

Several hundred students at Texas State University in San Marcos took to the campus to protest Trump's election, with many students saying they fear he will infringe the civil rights of minorities and the LGBT community.

In New York's Washington Square park, several hundred people gathered to protest Trump's election. Three miles to the north at the gilt Trump Tower, where Trump lives, 29-year-old Alex Conway stood holding a sign that read "not my president."

"This sign is not to say he isn't the president of the United States, but for two days I can use my emotion to be against this outcome and to express that he's not mine," said Conway, who works in the film industry. "The only thing I can hope for is that in four years I'm proved wrong."

In Washington, a jogger shouted an expletive about Trump as he passed the Trump International Hotel on Thursday, just blocks from the White House, where the former reality TV star had his first meeting with President Barack Obama to discuss transition plans.

More anti-Trump demonstrations are planned heading into the weekend, according to organizers' online posts. One urged protesters to rally in Washington, D.C., on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

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Calif. budget watchdog boosts LA Olympic bid

California's budget watchdog Thursday gave its blessing to Los Angeles' bid to host the 2024 Olympic games, saying it's a "low-cost, low-risk" approach that will not require building major new venues and will not subject the state to excessive financial risk.

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) report said a new law allowing the governor to enter into a contract with the city to provide no more than $250 million in state funds to pay for any financial deficits was a sound one.

The state would only be on the hook after other revenue sources have been exhausted, including insurance policies and up to $250 million from the city of Los Angeles.

"Los Angeles' bid relies almost exclusively on existing venues and infrastructure," said Jason Sisney, the LAO's chief deputy legislative analyst.

Downtown Los Angeles GETTY IMAGES

"This is important to keeping the financial risk for the city and the state low and will help Los Angeles avoid some of the major cost overruns that have plagued some prior Olympic hosts," he said.

The short-term economic gains from the games would likely generate additional state and local tax revenues that would offset some or all public costs, the LAO report said.

"Compared to many past Olympic bids, the current proposal by the LA 2024 organizing groups is a relatively low risk one," the LAO report said.

California Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de Leon of Los Angeles, who authored the bill, praised the report and said the legislature would play a strong oversight role throughout the process.

Los Angeles is up against European glamour cities Paris and Budapest in the race to host the Olympics and Paralypics summer games in 2024. The International Olympic Committee is expected to announce the winning city in September 2017.

Rome Mayor Virginia Raggi in September pulled the plug on the city's bid to host the games, saying that staging them would bury the Italian capital under mountains of debt and tons of cement. REUTERS

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Kremlin rep: Trump's foreign policy approach almost the same as Putin's

Russian President Vladimir Putin
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Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, speaking in New York, said he saw incredible similarities between the two men's foreign policy ideas, and this meant there was a solid basis to start a meaningful dialogue between Moscow and Washington.

The Kremlin said on Thursday U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's foreign policy approach was "phenomenally close" to that of President Vladimir Putin, giving Russia hope that tattered U.S.-Russia relations could gradually be improved.

Peskov, in the United States for a chess tournament, said he was struck by how similar parts of Trump's victory speech were to a speech Putin gave in southern Russia last month.

Both men said they would put their own country's national interests first, but that they would be ready to develop ties with other nations, depending on how ready other countries were to deepen relations themselves.

"They [Putin and Trump] set out the same main foreign policy principles and that is incredible," Peskov said in comments broadcast by Russian state TV's Channel One on Thursday evening.

"It is phenomenal how close they are to one another when it comes to their conceptual approach to foreign policy. And that is probably a good basis for our moderate optimism that they will at least be able to start a dialogue to start to clear out the Augean stables in our bilateral relations."

"It is phenomenal how close they are to one another when it comes to their conceptual approach to foreign policy."
Peskov

With Moscow and Washington now at odds over Syria, Ukraine and NATO, Peskov cautioned that it would take a long time before relations could return to a high level, however, because of how far they had been allowed to deteriorate.

"An atmosphere of mutual trust takes years to achieve," he said. "It's not possible to just declare that there is an atmosphere of mutual trust, especially after such serious damage was done in the last few years to our relations."

Peskov told the TASS news agency separately that Putin was ready to be flexible when it came to mending ties which he wanted to improve, but that there was a limit to his flexibility and that he would need to see some U.S. reciprocity.

Peskov spoke after one of Russia's most senior diplomats told the Interfax news agency earlier on Thursday that the Russian government had been in touch with members of Trump's political team during the U.S. election campaign and knew most of his entourage. REUTERS

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Jennifer Grey in Season 2 of "Red Oaks," now streaming on Amazon. AMAZON STUDIOS

Jennifer Grey says the '80s feel like yesterday

The throwback actress revisits the era in Amazon's "Red Oaks."

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Jennifer Grey has made her way back to the '80s.

This time around, instead of a Catskills resort, it's a New Jersey country club, "Red Oaks."

In Amazon's sweet, slice-of-life comedy series, the actress plays Judy Myers, a slightly neurotic housewife on a quest to find herself after she and her husband, Sam (Richard Kind), split up.

Not unlike her son, the college-age David (Craig Roberts), who coaches tennis at the club while trying to figure out what he wants to do with his life, Judy is also coming of age. Season 2, out Friday, shows her exploring her new found freedom — and bisexuality — like "an adolescent in a midlife body," says Grey.

We chatted with the 56-year-old actress about what she misses most about the era, and why we won't be seeing her in the "Dirty Dancing" remake.

What's it like going back to the '80s?
It feels like yesterday. Doesn't feel like such a big deal. It feels like yesterday, without cellphones and the internet. Which means, people look at each other when they walk down the street. They look at the road when they're driving, and they talk to each other without feeling like they need to be looking at their phones at the same time. That's how it's different.

And the teenagers [today], the only way you can get them to do anything is take away their phone. We don't spank anymore, we take away their phones.

["Red Oaks"] is a world before we were invaded by devices we're trying to connect to each other through, but are definitely not providing us with the connection we're craving.

You sound pretty nostalgic.
I'm nostalgic for boredom, daydreaming, looking out the window in the car, sitting with your thoughts, processing your feelings, thinking about things in a deeper way, because your brain and your emotions naturally want to process things in a deeper way if they're given a chance. Oh, and books. [Laughs]

We read that you turned down a role in ABC's "Dirty Dancing" remake.
People really talk about that a lot, almost every day I've done press. It's not so much that I turned it down, because that sounds so crappy. It's just that it's not appropriate. I did the original, and if someone wants to make a new one they should do a new one, but not with me, because then it's not a new one. I'm excited for them and I want to see what they come up with. I respect their vision. It should be its own thing.

We have to ask: Will there be any dance numbers in this season of "Red Oaks"?
I dance with my son at a wedding this season. Hope that's not a spoiler. No big musical numbers, no. They know I can't dance. [Laughs]

Another series with '80s vibes: "Stranger Things." Have you watched it?
I loved the '80s of that. I love those kids so much. [Director/producer] Shawn Levy's a friend of mine, he did a great job, those Duffer brothers [creators] did a great job, and that young English girl [Millie Bobby Brown] who plays Eleven. The show is very much a genre of "Poltergeist," psychic phenomenon — a kind of sci-fi thing. [But "Red Oaks"] is nothing like that.

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Stream and chill: Movies to help ease the President Trump blues

Look, we're not going to mince words: We are epically bummed out. Some of you might be celebrating a Trump win, but the rest of us are feeling a little bleak. We don't have any tips on how to makes things better, but sometimes a little distraction helps. Here are films streaming on various services that will make you feel better — some relevant, some sad, some mindless fun.

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"TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" (NETFLIX)

You think you got it bad? Well, you do. But so did the people in the 1930s South, particularly if they weren't white. Watch as a little Caucasian girl named Scout (Mary Badham) learns the power of doing right for others from a father (Gregory Peck) so decent, so good, that we're still shellshocked that author Harper Lee turned him into a racist in last year's superfluous sequel. But Atticus Finch will always be a hero, if you only watch the film version.

"PEE-WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE" (NETFLIX)

We're not going anywhere near the Midwest until Trump is out of office. But we will watch movies about it — movies where the people are nice and kind and not horrible. Drink in the sights and sounds of an idyllic small-town life that never existed in the first big movie for both Tim Burton and Paul Reubens' Pee-wee Herman. All Pee-wee wants is his bike back, and to find it he'll roam the country, meeting kind, eccentric souls who would never vote for a demagogue that wants to banish Mexicans to Mexico.

"HAIRSPRAY" (NETFLIX)

Ignored upon release then reclaimed as one of Broadway's biggest draws, John Waters' 1988 comedy is a social-issue movie his way, even if it scored him his first (and, to date, only) PG. Ricki Lake is the bright-eyed teen who battles racism in 1960s Baltimore, learns the joys of miscegenation and shows what a bunch of backward morons most white people can be when they're in power.

"TANGERINE" (NETFLIX)

Add trans people to the list of groups whose hard-won rights will be in jeopardy soon enough. Let's stay positive, though, or at least take in Sean S. Baker's raucous comedy, which trails two trans sex workers (Kitana Kiki Rodriguez and Mya Taylor) on a crazy Christmas Eve, not just trying to get by, but screaming and hollering and raising Cain as they do it.

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'DAZED AND CONFUSED' (NETFLIX)

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"IN THE LOOP" (NETFLIX)

Frankly, any time's good to feel bad about the government. So howl through this British black comedy — a spin-off of the brilliant government show "The Thick of It" that finds spin doctor Malcolm Tucker (Peter Capaldi) all but breathing fire as he guides England through the lead-up to a war with an anonymous Middle Eastern country. The writing staff includes a "swearing consultant." He earns his keep, and how.

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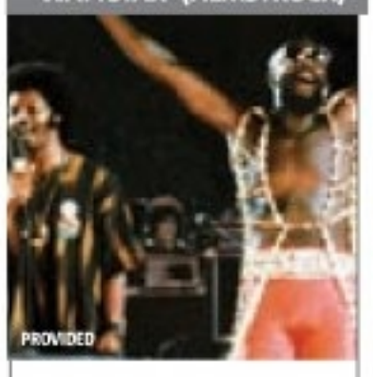
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The new cinephile-centric streaming service FilmStruck boasts untold goodies. It also contains this vital doc/concert movie from 1973, which hangs at a music concert honoring the 1965 Watts riots. In between killer sets by Rufus and Carla Thomas and Isaac Hayes, it sneaks in bracing chats about race with, among others, a lacerating Richard Pryor. And it's improbably directed by the guy who made "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"!

"BASIC INSTINCT"(NETFLIX)

Once upon a time, Paul Verhoeven's steamy thriller was Enemy No. 1 for the likes of GLAAD and Queer Nation. They were right to be peeved that the fourth biggest film of 1992 boasted a killer bisexual. But Verhoeven is a tricky one, and you can always read it this way: The hero is Sharon Stone's Catherine Tramell. She's the smartest person in any room, and it's great fun watching her lay waste to old-school man's men.

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"AN UNMARRIED WOMAN" (NETFLIX)

Hailing from the good old second wave of feminism, Paul Mazursky's 1978 character study portrays a tough, independent woman (an Oscar-nominated Jill Clayburgh) as she reshuffles her life after her caddish husband (Michael Murphy) abruptly dumps her. It's all a fantasy, set in a New York City that's basically a rich person's playground. But its portrait of a woman who does right by herself is nothing if not timely.

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"BRINGING UP BABY" (AMAZON)

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Unlike the other titles here, you'll have to pay to stream Howard Hawks' primo screwball comedy, with Katharine Hepburn as a socialite relentlessly destroying the life of paleontologist Cary Grant. We say this is the funniest movie ever made, and it's 102 minutes not spent thinking about how we're all doomed.

"THE BIG SHORT" (NETFLIX)

Our president-elect might as well be one of the villains in this comedy about the events that led to the 2008 economic apocalypse. Frankly, all the numbers talk is still confusing, even when delivered by Ryan Gosling in a bad hairpiece, or Margot Robbie in a bathtub. But Adam McKay tries his best to make unspeakable tragedy fun, and anger-making.

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In "Arrival," Amy Adams plays an esteemed linguist trying to stop the globe's military powers from picking a fight with aliens. Good luck with that. PARAMOUNT PICTURES

"Arrival"

Director: Denis Villeneuve
Stars: Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner
Rating: PG-13

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Brainy yet expensive, "Arrival" is an alien movie that flaunts its desire to be less "Independence Day," more "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." It's slow and measured, filled with moments where the audience is supposed to collectively hush, open their jaws in unison and go awe. It's not, however, as gee-whiz as "Close Encounters" — but then, this is 2016.

Turns out our alien visitors — whose ships, which look like giant contacts lenses, one day materialize over several key parts of the globe — have come to talk. Trouble is, neither side knows how to do that. Because it's been released into the Age of Trump, our hero, of course, is a brainiac linguist. Amy Adams plays Dr. Louise Banks, tasked — alongside scientist Jeremy Renner — by the military with figuring what the hell our new guests, who look like hands with tentacles for fingers, are trying to say. That involves decoding not their speech but their written language: circular splotches that resemble a marriage of Rorschach tests with Spirograph doodles.

Yes, "Arrival" is the kind of $50 million sci-fi movie where our heroes debate the Sapir-Whorf theory of language. But it wants to reach a wide audience without dumbing itself down. It doesn't, and it brings real awe thanks to director Denis Villeneuve ("Prisoners," "Sicario"). He captures the feeling of being alongside two people as they patiently try to make contact. He allows each scene between the aliens and humans to play out with nervous anticipation. "Arrival" is heavy and menacing, but it isn't humorless; there are a couple actual jokes, including a decent Sheena Easton one. If it overreaches in its final stretch — with one twist whose scientific bona fides will probably be debunked in a killjoy Slate article — it never jumps the shark. MATT PRIGGE

"Almost Christmas"

Director: David E. Talbert
Stars: Danny Glover, Gabrielle Union
Rating: PG-13

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It's come to this: One solid way of detoxing after a legendarily pugilistic election season — while preparing for the gruesome aftermath to come — is to watch a movie about a family bickering. "Almost Christmas" is by no means a great movie, and it sticks right to the Christmas movie formula, mixing the sour and the sweet, the madcap and the sentimental. On the other hand, it has lots of very funny people in it, all bouncing off each other, inspiring each other to go bigger and sometimes weirder. It's lazy to fall back on actors ad-libbing, but it's only a crime when they don't bring it.

Entirely chill with being no more than holiday comfort food, "Almost Christmas" crams a large family into an Atlanta suburb house, sadistically forcing them to spend four days under dad's (Danny Glover) creaky roof. The plot threads are stock and moldy. But they also give just enough time for a sprawling ensemble cast to shine. The MVPs are Gabrielle Union, as the tetchy daughter; J.B. Smoove as the other daughter's (Kimberly Elise) maybe-philandering husband; and definitely Mo'Nique, in her first big movie since "Precious," flinging insults and dressing like Chaka Khan and leading an epic mid-film song-and-dance-off that should be uninspiring but is near-transcendent. It's a thrill to have her back.

Contrary to the dysfunction on-screen, everyone seems to be having the time of their lives, engaged in friendly competition of who can improv the best line before someone comes up with something even better. They're as inspired as the screenplay isn't, and director David E. Talbert ("First Sunday") just lets them loose and knows how to pace things at their breakneck speed. By the time it's gotten to a bittersweet bit where Glover messily improvises his late wife's famous recipe for sweet potato pie while "talking" to her, it's done more than give us respite from the hell outside the multiplex. MP

Mo'Nique, Kimberly Elise and Gabrielle Union are all pretty game in "Almost Christmas." QUANTRELL D. COLBERT

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"Loving"

Director: Jeff Nichols
Stars: Joel Edgerton, Ruth Negga
Rating: R

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What if you're interested in social issues but hate the sledgehammer wielded by movies about them? Let's say you care about what happens in the world and know that films can subtly change the culture, but you also get hives during big speeches, bald exposition and "artistic liberties" that murder complexity. Jeff Nichols' "Loving," then, was made to order. Instead of pummeling us, it's as gentle as its heroes, Richard and Mildred Loving, two shy Virginians who fell in love and got married in 1958, despite their state's law barring the union of two like them, namely one white, one black.

The Lovings changed history. Loving v. Virginia went to the Supreme Court in 1967 and the ruling helped mow down the nation's anti-miscegenation laws. But the couple, represented by ACLU lawyers, never attended the trial. They hated the spotlight. "Loving" gets that. In the film, Richard (Joel Edgerton) and Mildred (Ruth Negga) are just regular people. They never think to see themselves as a problem beyond the legal kind, and they don't even make a fuss when they realize they have to sneak up to D.C. to get hitched. When police raid their home before dawn, ejecting the couple from bed and into separate jail cells, it's the beginning of a long, hard battle — but not the kind that makes for your standard simplistic history lesson.

Nichols ("Take Shelter," "Midnight Special") sticks by their side the entire time, doing little but observing. Each scene feels like he took the outline of a traditional docu-drama scene and smudged the edges till it felt natural. It has a strong sense of people but also places; you feel like you're there as history happens, which won't feel like history after. Nichols is a lot like the Time magazine photographer (Michael Shannon), who visits them for an article, but takes the time to hang with them, earning their trust, only taking their picture when they've forgotten he's there. It gets to know them and, thus, stays true. **MATT PRIGGE**

In "Loving," Ruth Negga and Joel Edgerton play Mildred and Richard Loving, a couple who fought anti-miscegenation laws from 1958 to 1967. **BEN ROTHSTEIN, FOCUS FEATURES**

"Eagle Huntress"

Director: Otto Bell
Genre: Documentary
Rating: G

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If you're feeling cynical, you could describe "The Eagle Huntress" as cynical, too — a documentary with a simple four-part formula to attract people who might not usually go for a movie about a young girl from Mongolia who likes eagles. It's a handsome travelogue in the National Geographic vein, which never goes out of style. It's feminist, which is currently in style. It eventually turns into a competition doc, which were popular a decade ago. Throw in too sporadic narration from Daisy Ridley that exists solely to put her name on the poster, and one could argue the filmmakers are less interested in learning about the Kazakh people than in reshaping their lives into narratives and ideas that already interest them.

Then again, "The Eagle Huntress" is too nice to be seen as mere calculation. It hangs with Aisholpan Nurgaiv, a strong-but-silent teenager from a Kazakh tribe who has challenged the old, patriarchal order by proving herself a natural at hunting eagles. She never flinches when a 15-pound bird swoops onto her arm, much to the dismay of the elder male hunters, who consider her a kind of abomination. The filmmakers keep things simple — perhaps too simple — by following her as she finds her eagle, trains it then shows her stuff in a festival, where her appearance ruffles more feathers than usual.

Aisholpan's story becomes part observational documentary, part folk tale about a girl who proves herself. Deep down it's not dissimilar from a Robert Flaherty film; the godfather of the documentary would journey to far flung pockets of the world, returning with a movie designed to both wow and flatter audiences. With "Nanook of the North," he asked his Inuk subject to hunt in ways his kind hadn't done in generations, and he demanded similar tasks of Irish fishermen in "Man of Aran." "The Eagle Huntress" sticks with merely whittling its footage into something palatable and relatable or at least pretty to Western viewers — an inspirational tale that keeps things generalized, complete with a closing credits ballad by Sia. But there we go being cynical again. **MP**

"The Eagle Huntress" profiles Aisholpan Nurgaiv, a young Mongolian girl who tries to make her name wielding eagles. **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS**

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3 new retailers open at Philadelphia Premium Outlets

Beef Jerky Outlet, Go Popcorn and Ten Thousand Villages are open just in time for the holidays.

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Beef Jerky Outlet is one of the new retailers at Philadelphia Premium Outlets. PROVIDED

'Tis the season for holiday shopping and what a better way to do it then taking a trip to the Philadelphia Premium Outlets? Three new stores will be open at this destination for visitors to shop for the holidays: Beef Jerky Outlet, Go Popcorn and Ten Thousands Villages.

The Beef Jerky Outlet spices up the Simon Center by offering more than 200 options of turkey, salmon, buffalo and even alligator jerky. Their items are mostly sold by the ounce or prepacked.

"We are excited to open a business within the local community. Opening a store during this time of year with natural retail traffic picking up in anticipation for the holidays was ideal," says Ellen Nonnemacher, one of the owners of the Beef Jerky Outlet.

She continues: "We do think the store is an added value for the outlets. It's a unique experience, offering both products and experience that aren't found elsewhere on-site. Our 'try before you buy' policy ensures guests love what they are purchasing."

Another edition this season is Go Popcorn — a carnival-themed shop that will sell over 35 flavors of popcorn, locally grown in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. For those looking for unique gifts for the holiday season, Ten Thousands Village is another new retailer of artisan-crafted home decor, accessories and other items from across the globe.

Kate Johnson, director of marketing & business development at the outlet mall located in Pottstown, said: "All three of these store openings are incredibly unique to the market and help us further differentiate our shopping experience from competitors. Having them open just before the busy holiday shopping season is exciting, as both loyal and new customers will get to experience their specialized offerings."

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Five Dollar Comedy Week takes center stage in the Philadelphia comedy community this Sunday, and concludes on Saturday, Nov. 19. However, the fourth installment of the event is of unique significance to the comedy community at large and one venue in particular.

The fall 2016 edition of Five Dollar Comedy Week will be held at the new Good Good Comedy Theater in Chinatown. It completes a circle of sorts, as the theater wouldn't even exist had Five Dollar Comedy Week not enjoyed the enormous success that it has. After a few successful runs at venues like Plays and Players in Rittenhouse Square and PhilaMoCA in Spring Garden, the comedic brains behind the event, local comedians Aaron Nevins and Kate Banford, saw that the local comedy scene had a thirst for the event's signature blend of experimental comedy shows. As a result, Good Good Comedy was formed, turning nearly every week of the past year into Five Dollar Comedy Week with a never-ending barrage of hilarious comedy shows. As Good Good Comedy grew, so did the support — both spiritual and financial — of the local community, and just last month, the production house was able to open its very own theater space, Chinatown's Good Good Comedy Theater.

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But Nevins and Banford, who work tirelessly to promote and produce their theater's always-popular blend of comedy shows, haven't let the runaway success of their brand go to their heads. The fourth annual Five Dollar Comedy Week marks a return to its roots, promising a week packed with 30 different shows that "showcases brand-new shows that meld all forms of comedy and performance into one incredible week-long festival." And best of all: Tickets for all shows are only $5.

Among the highlights of the week will be "Extreme Wrestling Smacksplosion" ("a show about wrestling, without the wrestling," Nevins and Banford explain) and popular recurring shows "Don't Die a Coward" (starring Tim Butterly and John McKeever of the Comedy Central web series "Delco Proper") and "The Bit Show" (where 15 shows of varying lengths are crammed into a single 60-minute time slot).

While adult-oriented humor may dominate most of the Philadelphia comedy scene — and thus most of Five Dollar Comedy Week's lineup — Nevins and Banford have gone to lengths not to alienate the child-rearing members of their audiences and community. Two family-friendly shows will also be a part of Five Dollar Comedy Week: "Make My Child Laugh" and "Story Hour with Rita Book."

A unique staple of the week's offerings are workshops that can try to teach audience members almost anything. One such example is Nevins' own Go Viral with Aaron Nevins, in which participants attempt to become the next great viral sensation.

Five Dollar Comedy Week will be held from Nov. 13 through Nov, 19.

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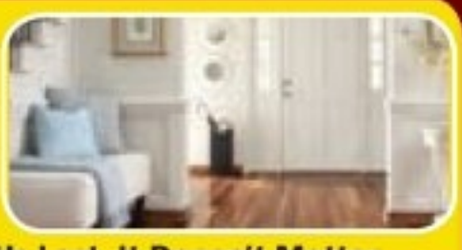
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Linda Shanahan is a registered nurse who is working on a master's in public health nursing, which places an emphasis on community versus hospital nursing. Shanahan is also an expert on critical care, home care and hospice.

During clinical rotations at the LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center, Shanahan frequently answers questions while conducting blood-pressure screenings, which led to the idea of starting the Ask-a-Nurse series.

This free program led by Shanahan will take place on three dates: Nov. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Oak Lane Library.

On Nov. 16, Shanahan will discuss "Tricks of the Trade for Home Caregivers," which will cover topics like personal care, safe feeding practices,and hands on skills demonstrations.

"Sometimes people feel guilty that they maybe get frustrated or they maybe feel upset that they maybe have not been the most patient that they could have been," Shanahan says. "I think it will provide a place for people to just talk about their experiences in addition to learning."

On Nov. 30 the theme of the program will be "Medication Literacy," which will be helpful to people taking and giving medications, and on Dec. 14 the theme of the program will be "Food as Medicine" — a personal passion for Shanahan.

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Neil deGrasse Tyson gears up for 'An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies'

The special lecture comes to the Academy of Music on Nov. 30.

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Famed science expert Neil deGrasse Tyson is coming to Philadelphia's Academy of Music on Wednesday, Nov. 30 for "An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies." In it, the real science behind some of the world's most celebrated films will be discussed — from "Star Wars" to "Frozen" to cult classics you might not have heard of. We chatted with Tyson about being an unknowing science consultant on "The Martian," movies that get the science right and what he loves about Philly.

What can we expect from "An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies"?
People think that I just debunk movies primarily but I think that I am deeply misunderstood. [Laughs] My goal is to enhance your appreciation and understanding of what a movie is trying to portray. It has been cast as kind of nit-picky and I understand why some people think that way but what I want you to know is that's not my intent. My intent is to enlighten your moviegoing experience. Wouldn't you want to know if the director got something wrong?

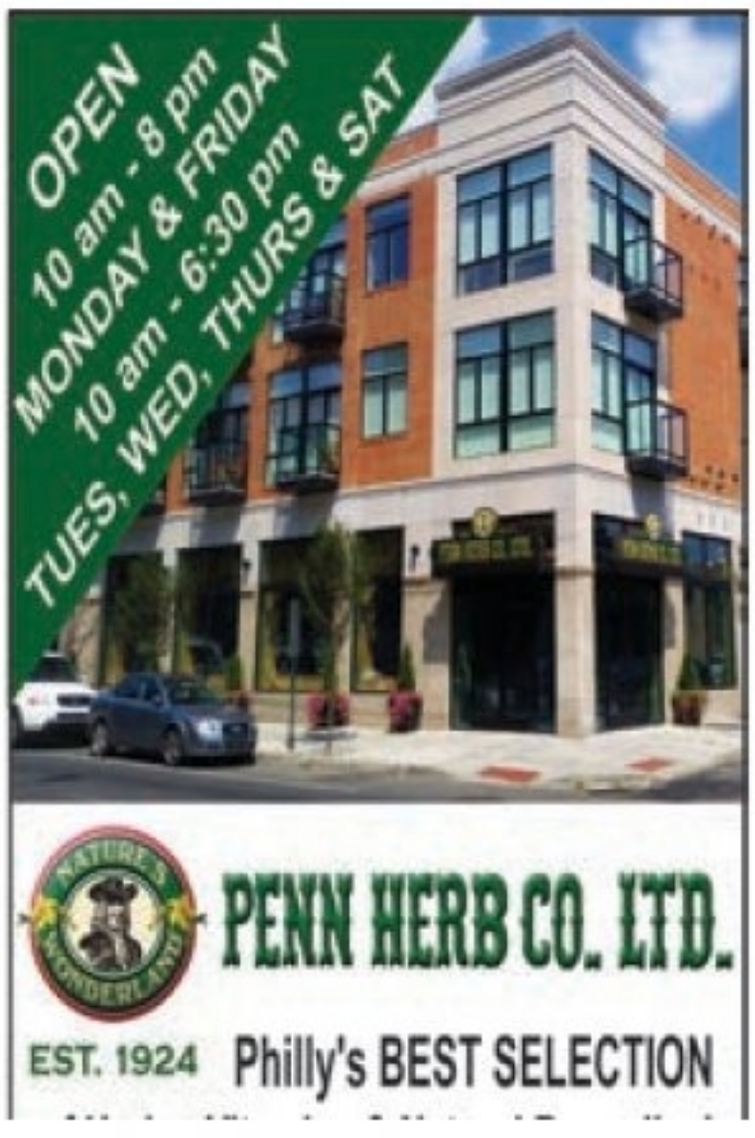
Of course!
Yeah, it's no different than — let's say — your loved one is a car expert and then there's a movie that occurs in 1962 but there's a 1968 Bellaire parked on the street and you were like, "No that didn't come out yet!" That stuff is interesting to know. It could just be a slip-up or complete ignorance on behalf of the set designers. Why do we allow others with expertise to give their comments on movies but not allow the scientists to give scientific comments?

Some people think it ruins the movie. Ignorance is bliss, I suppose ...
No, it's not at all. I think that science was never previously invited to the table of movie criticism. Why deny the science-literate person the very same attention given to the movie of [other experts]? One of the highest compliments I've ever gotten was from Andy Weir, the writer of the novel from which the movie "The Martian" was based. He has an engineering background and he said that while he was writing his novel, he was imagining as if I was looking over his shoulder. "Would Neil criticize this or would he praise this?" So apparently this kept him honest the whole way through. I was very charmed and flattered to hear that he had me eavesdropping on his compositions.

Are there any movies that got the science right?
One movie that got it right was "Deep Impact." There was an asteroid strike and it was kind of lost in the shadow of "Armageddon," which should probably get an award for how many laws of physics it violated. [Laughs] "Deep Impact" had real advisors and they got a lot of their physics right, especially as portrayed in the special effects.

Are you excited to visit Philly?
Yeah! I have a nephew that lives there. I have to let him know I'll be in town when I come through. Philly, you know, sister city to New York and Washington — I love it. The Franklin Institute is great. Independence Hall. It has all the hot spots. Last time I came, four different merchants fed me their cheesesteaks to see which one was best.

Neil deGrasse Tyson doesn't want to ruin movies, but to enlighten. GETTY IMAGES



3 Things to watch for as Eagles offense hopes to keep up with Falcons Sunday

Can the Eagles rise to the occasion against one of football's most productive teams?

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The Eagles lost their 2015 season opener in Atlanta in the last meeting of the two Birds. GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles have been perfect at home this season and will need some more Lincoln Financial Field magic to prevail against Atlanta and move to 5-4 this weekend.

The Falcons boast one of the NFL's best offenses and will no doubt force the Eagles to play a different kind of football Sunday, at 1 p.m. on Fox — offense, offense, offense.

Eagles fans could be in for a shootout in Week 10, and if they are there will be some very interesting variable to monitor throughout the game.

Here's a brief look at three things we're looking forward to seeing in the upcoming NFC showdown:

1 Wentz gone wild?

Carson Wentz could be let loose in Week 10. With a deep threat finally available in Bryce Treggs — who opened up the field a lot for the Eagles against the Giants — now helping other weapons like Jordan Matthews and Zach Ertz, it feels like Wentz finally has the arsenal to put up big numbers.

It will be of utter importance against a high-powered offense like Atlanta that the Eagles are able to get touchdowns when in the red zone, and keep up on the scoreboard.

First downs will also be important. The less the Falcons have the ball the less damage they can do.

"Atlanta's offense is one of the top offenses in the National Football League obviously," head coach Doug Pederson said. "They're playing extremely well. So, anytime you can sort of play keep-away, time of possession and things like that can help you."

2 Falcons firepower

Atlanta boasts the NFL's top passer and top rusher in Matt Ryan — a local kid who went to Penn Charter — and Julio Jones. Keeping both in check by rushing the passer and providing help in the secondary will be important, but it will also open up some other weapons like receiver Muhammad Sanu or running back Devonta Freeman. It will be a true test for the Eagles defense.

"The Falcons are playing well, offensively, because they're not a one-trick pony," Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz said. "You talk about Matt Ryan, we talk about Julio Jones, but they run the ball very well. Their stats aren't great running the ball, but they're significant. … You guys have to check the stats, but I think they've won three games this year that Julio Jones really didn't have a big impact on. [In those wins] his numbers weren't great, but they were still able to win the game. I think that's a sign of a good offense. Whether one guy isn't having a good day, or defenses scheme to take him out, they still had enough to go to."

3 Seriously Sproles

The Falcons have several vulnerabilities on defense and one is their inability to slow down running backs. They have not allowed very many rushing yards and rank in the middle of the NFL pack as far as rushing yard allowed per game, but that's because of the high-scoring shootout nature of their scheme. They've also had opponents playing from behind with a 6-3 record.

However they have allowed the most receiving yards per game of any defense. Which falls right into Darren Sproles' wheelhouse. The little shifty running back has recently proven to be the Birds' No. 1 option behind Wentz and could put up big numbers in yards from scrimmage Sunday.

"Darren is a great player and it's hard to want to take him off the field," Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich said. "We just have to keep reminding ourselves it's good to mix it. We got a lot of talented players — let's use them all."

Sproles was on the field for 80 percent of snaps in Week 9, but will continue to share work with Ryan Mathews, Kenjon Barner and Wendell Smallwood.

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NFL best bets: Definitely pick the 7-1 Cowboys getting points

The Cowboys are surprising underdogs in Pittsburgh this weekend, and we think that makes them a good bet to cover. GETTY IMAGES

Here are the best choices on the NFL's Week 10 slate.

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A look at where to place your money this weekend in Week 10 of the 2016 NFL season.

Miami Dolphins at San Diego Chargers (-4)

The Dolphins are riding a three-game winning streak into this road tilt with the Chargers, but San Diego looks poised to halt Miami's momentum.

Jay Ajayi has been a revelation for the Dolphins in recent weeks (529 rushing yards since being promoted three weeks ago) but the Chargers have yet to allow a 100-yard rusher this season and rank fifth overall in rushing defense. With the Dolphins' best offensive weapon neutralized, the potent Chargers attack (424 YPG last three games) should find extra time on the field.

The venue change could also present the Dolphins some trouble. After four straight games at home, Miami must head on the road, where they are 1-4 ATS in their last five contests. By contrast, San Diego in 4-1 ATS in their last five tilts at Qualcomm Stadium.

Look for Melvin Gordon to dominate the Dolphins' sorry run stoppers (third-worst in the NFL) as the Chargers coast to an easy win. They are the best bet of the week.

The pick: Chargers -4

Dallas Cowboys at Pittsburgh Steelers (-2.5)

The Cowboys, who have yet to lose ATS this year (7-0-1), are an enticing underdog as they face the Steelers in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Ezekiel Elliott, who further solidified his offensive Rookie of the Year claim last week by slashing the Browns rush defense for 92 yards on just 15 carries, gets to face a Steelers defense that's surrendered 137 YPG on the ground in their last three games. Pittsburgh has struggled to stop the pass all season long (22nd in the league), so Dak Prescott should be able to air it out successfully when need be.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys' fourth-ranked defense by PPG (17.5) will take on a Steelers offense that struggled greatly in Ben Roethlisberger's return last week, and hasn't cracked the 20-point plateau in three consecutive games. Bet Dallas with confidence here.

The pick: Cowboys +2.5

Cincinnati Bengals at New York Giants (E)

Fresh off a bye week, the Bengals have a good chance to wipe the bad taste out of their mouths on Monday night after settling for a tie with the Redskins two weeks ago.

Cincinnati has started just 1-3 on the road this season, but they've drawn some tough matchups away from home in the early going, including New England and Dallas. Last year, the Bengals were an incredible 8-0 outside of Paul Brown Stadium. They can get back on track in that column against a softer opponent in New York.

Andy Dalton should connect with A.J. Green early and often against the Giants' awful pass defense (24th in the league). The Bengals' D has some give to it (ranked 20th in passing), but they can afford to "cheat" against the pass a bit more than they're used to as the Giants have averaged less than 50 yards rushing in their last four contests.

In a game that has the potential to be a shootout, a diversified Bengals offense that can turn to Jeremy Hill and Giovani Bernard in the backfield has the edge.

The pick: Bengals (even)

Best of the rest

- Chicago Bears (-1) @ Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Minnesota Vikings @ Washington Redskins (-2.5)
- Kansas City Chiefs @ Carolina Panthers (-3)
- Houston Texans @ Jacksonville Jaguars (-2)
- Green Bay Packers (-2.5) @ Tennessee Titans
- Los Angeles Rams @ New York Jets (-2)
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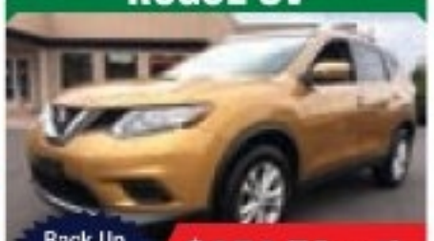
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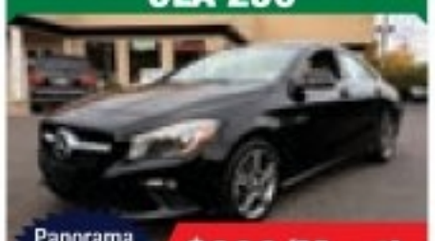
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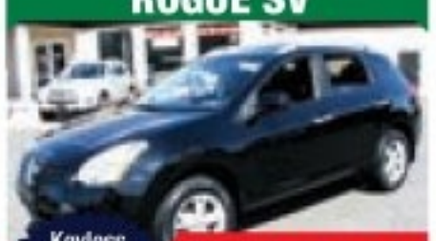
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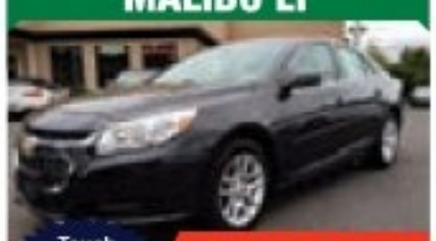
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Villanova hopes their version of 'The Hangover' leads to a sequel

Can Villanova overcome a busy offseason and contend for another national championship?

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Jay Wright has a warning for Villanova basketball fans, still basking in the Wildcats' improbable run to the NCAA championship: Ready or not, the Main Line version of "The Hangover" is about to begin.

"After the tournament, I talked to a number of people like Mike Krzyzewski, Rick Pitino, Jim Calhoun — a number of who'd won championships," said Wright, whose team, missing departed Ryan Arcidiacono and Daniel Ochefu, gets its season underway Friday at the Pavilion against Lafayette. "Just to get an idea of what we're in store for and how to handle the next season.

"Everybody mentioned in some way there is a hangover, no matter what you do. Maybe you can get over it. Maybe you can't. But everyone addressed the fact it lingers into your next season and you have to deal with it.

"But just as they've always — after all those frustrating early tournament exits — said there was nothing they do about that until March Madness got underway, they know the same applies to defending their crown."

"This is nothing new to us," said leading scorer (15.3 PPG) and All America candidate Josh Hart, who along with championship game hero Kris Jenkins (13.6) and sophomore point guard Jalen Brunson (9.6) will lead the way. "We won the Big East Championship a few years in a row where we had a target on our back. So we know other teams are gonna give us their best shot and we're gonna be ready for it."

Brimming with confidence, the Cats — with Darryl Reynolds taking over for Ochefu and either Phil Booth or Mikal Bridges moving into Arcidiacono's spot — again will be the team to beat in the Big East. But will that be enough?

After all, when you've been to the mountain top, isn't anything less that reaching the summit again a failure?

"We never judge ourselves off winning and losing," replied Jenkins, who became an instant celebrity this offseason. "We judge ourselves over whether we play Villanova basketball for 40 minutes. Play hard, smart and together. Defend, rebound and execute

"Obviously, we on the championship last year, but that doesn't define us."

It never has with Wright.

"It's real simple," added Wright, who says one of his most cherished memories was the five minutes he spent waiting in the wings talking hoops with President Obama while his team was touring the White House. "If we can come out every night and play Villanova basketball for each other, we're successful. The last couple of years we were doing it. We just got beat in some [tournament] games. You judge yourselves based on your own core values, but you know you get judged from outside differently and have to accept that."

With that Hart/Jenkins/Brunson nucleus that accounted for 39.1 combined points including a 204 3-pointers, the Wildcats figure to again among the elite, ranked No. 4 in the preseason. Add to that Booth, who erupted for a career-high 20 points in the title game versus North Carolina; defensive-minded Reynolds; and the versatile Bridges; plus skilled newcomers like 6-foot-7 Eric

As defending champions, Villanova will have a target on its back. GETTY IMAGES

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Paschall; 6-foot-10 Dylan Painter; and redshirt freshman Dante DiVicenzo and Tim Delaney, both coming off injuries, and it's clear Wright has plenty of weapons in his arsenal.

Now it's finally time to turn them loose.

"I'm ready to go," Wright said. "It's the busiest offseason we've ever had and we'll monitor it.

"But going through those three weeks was as thrilling as it gets. Having fund, being inspired by the competition, it was everything you dreamed it could be.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of doing it again."

Because who knows? Maybe the Main Line version of "The Hangover" will lead to a sequel.

UPenn hoops rebuilding process keeps moving in the right track

After a trying "rookie" season, Steve Donahue feels confident he can finally turn Penn in the right direction, maybe even post its first winning season since 2012. The man who led Cornell to three straight Ivy League titles, before plummeting back to earth at Boston College, went just 11-17 here last year, just 5-9 in the Ivies.

But he says that's about to change, beginning tonight when the Quakers travel to Robert Morris to open the year two. "There are a lot of moving parts to our program," said Donahue, who has four starters back from that squad in addition to eight new faces. "But we're trying to grow this, trying to build it back to where Penn basketball was and we're still in the building stages.

Steve Donahue is hoping to perform better in his second season. GETTY IMAGES

"We're totally different than last year. We have a different feel. Most guys back are playing different roles."

That includes sophomore point guard Jake Silpe, who spent the offseason bulking up and working on his shot while working out with Villanova's Jalen Brunson.

"We took a step in the right direction and that initial step is usually the hardest," said Silpe, with Matt Howard (12.3 points per game), Antonio Woods (10.7) and Jackson Donahue (9.7) leading the way. "We didn't do as we hoped last year, but I think we'll be a lot better."

And thanks to a major change in the rules teams no longer have to win the 14-game Ivy wars to punch their ticket to the NCAA's big dance. Instead the top four teams will square off in the first Ivy League tournament — to be played at the Palestra.

"As a coach you don't think about the tournament at this point," admitted Donahue. "You always think about winning the 14-game battle and becoming Ivy champs.

"But I'm excited about the possibility of Penn being in the tournament, just like everyone else."

So let year two begin. It nothing else it figures to be interesting. JON MARKS

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La Salle hopes to give Price some help, rebound in new season

The Explorers are hoping to shake off one of the worst seasons they've ever had.

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There's only one way for things to go for the Explorers in 2016-17 and that's better than last year. GETTY IMAGES

The La Salle Explorers (9-22, 4-14) couldn't have had a worse 2015-16 campaign, finishing dead last in the Atlantic 10 Conference in embarrassing fashion. They also suffered their worst loss, a 95-49 defeat to No. 13 Miami, in program history at the Palestra this past December.

Many fans had called for their coach, Dr. John Giannini, to be fired for the dreadful year he had, but the school has given him one more chance to prove himself with a more bolstered roster than a season ago.

New to the program are transfers Pookie Powell from Memphis, B.J. Johnson of Syracuse and Demetrius Henry of South Carolina. Sophomore guard Powell averaged 4.3 points and 2.7 assists as a freshman at Memphis while junior forward Johnson netted 4.3 points and 3.3 rebounds as a sophomore for the Orange. Junior forward Henry notched 6.0 points and 3.6 rebounds as a sophomore for the Gamecocks.

They'll create a balanced offense around senior guard Jordan Price (19.2 points, 5.5 rebounds), who finished third in the conference in scoring last season.

"Forget last year," Giannini said. "It was the worst year of my coaching career. I expect better ball movement this year, and there isn't much to compare from last year. We are competing harder in practice than any other team I have ever had."

Price accounted for over a fourth of the team's points last season, scoring 596 of the team's 1,987 points on the year. In the team's first exhibition game on Saturday, a 79-73 win over Canada's Carleton University, Price led all scorers with 23 points, but Johnson was right behind, scoring 18 points while grabbing 11 rebounds.

Price is happy about not having to shoulder as much of the scoring load this season.

"It's great to have guys by your side that will fight with you every night," Price said. "It's not as much on me anymore, and I don't have to do as much, so it's great."

Up first for La Salle is a Big 5 test against Temple on Friday. La Salle, who went 0-5 against Big 5 teams last season, has a lot to prove against their North Philly rivals this weekend.

Friday's game will air at 7 p.m. on ESPNews.

Key additions

G – Pookie Powell
F – B.J. Johnson
F – Demetrius Henry
G – Isiah Deas
G – Saul Phiri
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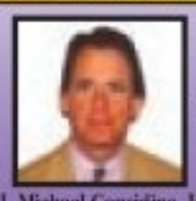

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24 Insensitive to pain
26 The Bard's river
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30 Gold Rush state
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48 Chiang -- -shek
49 Blushing
51 Hanging plant
53 Averages
55 Salver
56 Stand for
60 Admires oneself
64 Hound's track
65 Ms. LaBelle
67 Claw or talon
68 Lover of Aeneas
69 John of "Crocodile Rock"
70 Woody's son
71 Hoofed animal
72 Breezy talk
73 Lots and lots

Down

1 Furnace duct
2 Many centuries
3 Grand in scale
4 Lubbock residents
5 Cellar
6 Fiesta cheer
7 Careless mistake
8 Lieutenant under Kirk
9 Digestive fluid
10 Type of number
11 Sometimes it swings
12 Ocean compound
13 Pitch-dark
21 Delays, with "off"
23 Outdoor game
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28 Dog walker's aid
29 Japanese canine
31 Foot warmers
32 One of the Hawaiian Islands
33 Courtyards
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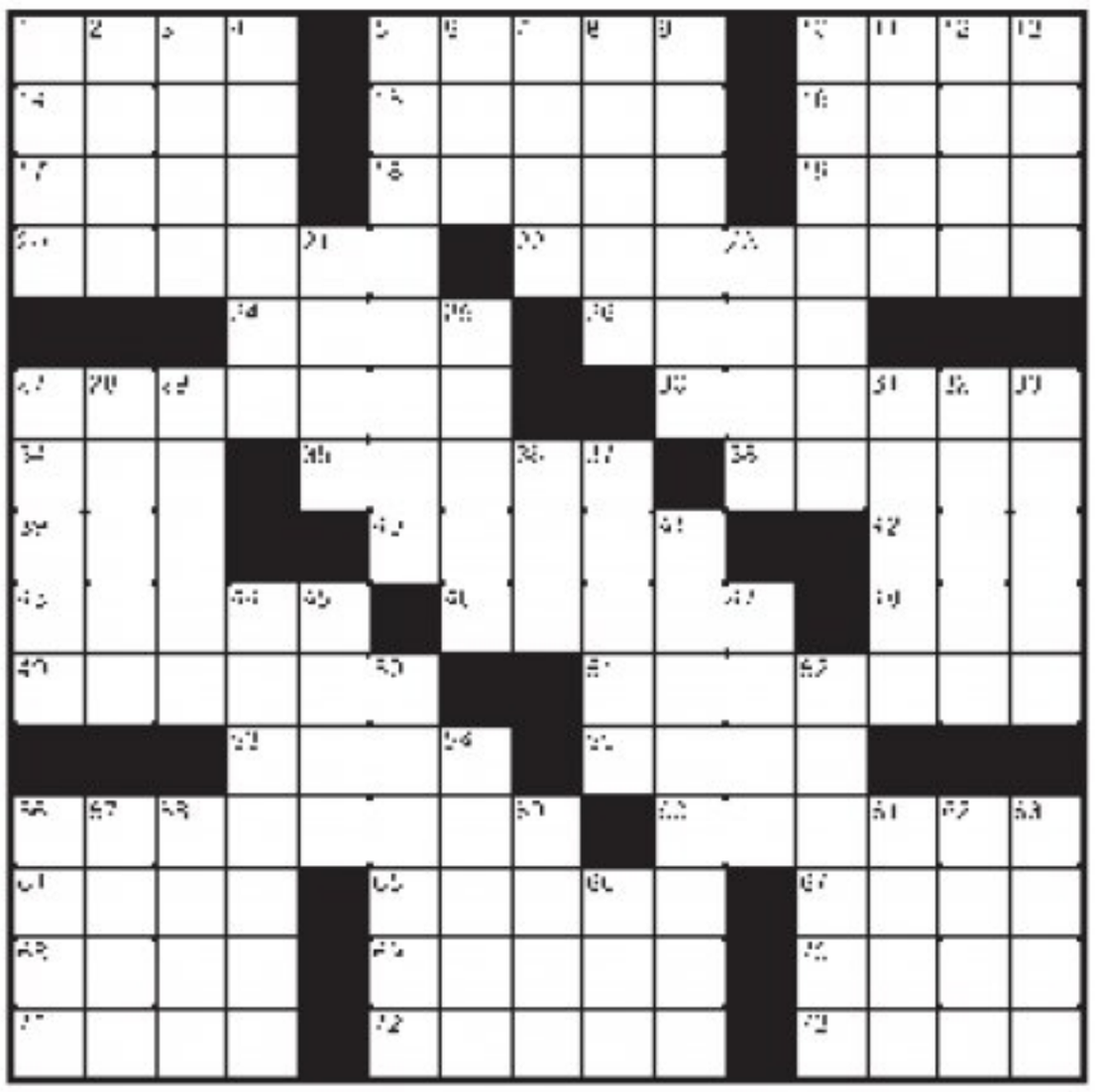

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Taurus Taking short trips, holding business meetings or spending time with someone who makes you think and laugh will prompt you to follow your dream.

Gemini Look to the people you have found resourceful in the past and collaborate with them. A serious approach to both business partnerships will improve your connection.

Cancer Keep your emotions and feelings to yourself in order to avoid a dispute with someone. Focus on creative endeavors and personal gains.

Leo Explore new avenues and interests. Take part in an event or activity that will help you grow and explore new possibilities. Do something special with a loved one.

Virgo Take action and do what's best for you. Don't expect anyone else to look out for you. Gather facts and make a statement based on what will help you get ahead.

Libra Emotions will flare up. You can show passion, but don't force your will on others. Taking the time to figure out what's best for everyone will help you gain respect.

Scorpio Take action and move forward without looking back. Letting go of the past will be your ticket to success. Live in the moment and focus on your future.

Sagittarius Size things up and hunker down when it comes to personal and professional challenges. You stand to make gains if you don't agonize over missed opportunities.

Capricorn A steady pace will help you avoid complaints. If you stick to what you know and do best, you will discover that you have more opportunities than you realize.

Aquarius Take a moment to consider the pros and cons of a situation, and be sure to keep your money safely tucked away. Don't loosen your wallet.

Pisces Focus on what you need to accomplish. A change in the way you handle others can work to your advantage. Finish what you started. EUGENIA LAST

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